



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 3, 2009

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Parma Trust Funds In The Amount Of \$85,000 For Maintenance And Restoration Of Parma Park

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$85,000 in the Fiscal Year 2009 Parks and Recreation Department Miscellaneous Grants Fund for maintenance work at Parma Park.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### Background

Harold Parma, along with his family, deeded Parma Park to the City of Santa Barbara in November 1973. The Parma Trust, established in 2000, includes funds for the preservation and maintenance of Parma Park. Each year the Parks and Recreation Department prepares a maintenance work plan for review and approval by the Parma Trustee. Funding for the plan is provided on an annual basis.

The Parks and Recreation Department developed a 2-year work plan for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 in October 2007. The Parma Trustee reviewed the 2-year work plan and approved an initial \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2008. These funds were appropriated by Council in March 2008. Funds that are left unspent at the end of the fiscal year remain appropriated for future expenditures. The Department provides the Parma Park Trustee with an annual accounting of all expenditures.

#### Fiscal Year 2009 Parma Park Work Plan

As a result of the November 2008 Tea Fire, the Department and the Parma Park Trustee developed a revised work plan that is focused on the rehabilitation and restoration of the park. The work plan includes tasks such as trail restoration, erosion control, trail and creek debris clearance, exotic invasive plant management, habitat

restoration, and restoration of the olive grove, among others. The \$85,000 provided by the Trustee will be used to fund this work.

The Department is also working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to secure funding for the immediate emergency response and safety actions taken in the aftermath of the fire as well as removal of the remaining safety and hazard concerns in the park (such as hazardous trees and barbed wire fencing.)

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The \$85,000 provided by the Trustee for this work will be combined with the previously appropriated \$107,639, for a total of \$192,639, to be used to maintain and restore Parma Park.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

Located within the upper Sycamore Creek Watershed, Parma Park provides 200 acres of undeveloped open space for passive outdoor recreation benefits. Preservation and enhancement of Parma Park protects community natural resources.

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